



MUNCHKIN NEWS

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Christmas Holiday Clinic Bris.....	3rd
Christmas Holiday Clinic GC.....	8th
Christmas Eve.....	24th
Christmas Day	25th
Boxing Day.....	26th
New Years Eve.....	31st

BOOK IN NOW FOR 2022!

It's coming up to that time of the year, where we can wave goodbye to 2021 and start planning for 2022. On behalf of the NRL and Munchkin League we thank you for our support this year and look forward to working with you in the new year.

We would like to open up our program bookings early for our current Child Care Centre's and give you the best day and time to suit your centre. Please get in touch with one of our friendly team members and we will get it booked in.



MUNCHKIN LEAGUE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLINICS

This Christmas come and join us for some festive fun!

Please dress up it's going to be lots of fun (Remember to wear enclosed shoes for fast running feet and bring a drink bottle).

Head to www.munchkinleague.com.au to register or contact Polly on 0425065458 or email munchkinleague@nrl.com.au if you have any questions



BRISBANE

Date- Friday 3rd December 2021

Time- 4:30pm-5:30pm

Cost- \$15

Where- Cyril Connell- Gilbert Park

GOLD COAST

Date- Wednesday 8th December 2021

Time- 4:30pm-5:30pm

Cost- \$15

Where- Gold Coast Titans Performance Centre Parkwood

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MELTED SNOWMEN COOKIES

Prep Time: 25 minutes | Cook Time: 20 minutes | Servings: 20

These melted snowman cookies are the perfect Christmas cooking activity for the kids. Get playing now!

INGREDIENTS:

- 80 g unsalted butter (softened)
- 1/2 cup caster sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 200 g plain flour
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- salt

TO DECORATE

- 1 cup icing sugar
- icing pens
- cachous (red)
- icing pens
- lollies (small)
- licorice
- 20 white marshmallows

INSTRUCTIONS

- To make the dough; Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan-forced) and line two trays with baking paper. Cream the butter and sugar together with an electric mixer until pale and fluffy. Add the egg and beat well. Fold in the vanilla, flour, baking powder and salt. Mix into a dough, shape this into a disc, then wrap in plastic and let rest in the fridge for 30 minutes.

- Roll out and cut into circles (using a cookie cutter or the base of a glass tumbler). Transfer these to a baking tray and bake for 10 minutes or until golden. Let the cookies cool completely. Slice up a few licorice strips into thin strips for arms, scarves, etc. Tiny dots for eyes or triangles for bow ties.
- Make up a basic white icing (just add a tiny bit of boiling water to pure icing sugar and stir, then add more water until you reach the desired consistency - should be fairly thick). Decorate the marshmallows with eyes, noses, mouths etc. You can use an icing pen here, or just use the white icing as glue for the cachous.
- To decorate the cookies, spoon on a little white icing and spread over the surface of your cookie, then press the marshmallow down in the middle and decorate at will!

CHRISTMAS CAROLS 2021

Christmas Carols Gold Coast 2021 | Where to See Carols on the GC

Gold Coast families love a good Christmas carols event. Our suburbs are filled with these local Gold Coast Christmas carol events that showcase the best of the local carolers. These events support the local community groups and are well worth a visit. There are carols everywhere from Surfers Paradise to your local suburb. Our favourite Christmas carol events across the Gold Coast include:

GOLD COAST MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CAROLS 2021

The 10th year of the Mayor's Christmas Carols will be hosted at HOTA (Home of the Arts) in Surfers Paradise. It will be COVID safe and will also be broadcast for the first time on local free to air TV. While the event will be free, tickets are strictly limited, and bookings will be essential. It's sure to be a fun night out!

WHERE: HOTA (Home of the Arts), 135 Bundall Rd, Surfers Paradise

WHEN: 3pm - 9pm, Saturday 4 December

CAROLS ON THE BEACH 2021

Head down to Surfers Paradise and get in the Christmas spirit by joining in on Carols on the Beach, family-friendly night of fun! Hosted along the Surfers Paradise Beach, this is a casual setting with plenty of space, perfect for families and children. Finished with fireworks at 8 pm, and maybe even a glimpse of Santa, kids will have a great time. So bring a picnic blanket, your best singing voice and join in on the fun. The Carols will start at 6.30pm and will finish at around 8 pm with fireworks.

WHERE: Surfers Paradise Beach

WHEN: Dates TBA

NERANG CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS 2021

Take the kids, a picnic blanket, chairs and join the local community for a night of COVID-safe family fun, food and festivities. There will be \$2 rides, a sausage sizzle, fairy floss, drinks and a variety of food stalls. Christmas entertainment will start at 3pm, with traditional carols and a visit from Santa from 6pm. The event will finish at 8.30pm.

WHERE: Bischof Pioneer Park, Nerang

WHEN: 3pm - 8:30pm, Saturday 11th December.

MUDGEERABA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The Combined Churches of Mudgeeraba present the Mudgeeraba Community Christmas Carols. This community celebration features local schools performing, choirs and dancers. Head along and enjoy this special night of rejoicing as we approach the Christmas season. You can take a rug or chair and get your vocal chords ready for a fun family night of traditional Christmas Carols and entertainment. There will be a variety of food trucks to tempt your taste buds, or you may wish to bring along your own picnic. Sunday 28th November.

WHERE: Firth Park, Mudgeeraba

WHEN: 4pm - 7pm, Sunday 28th December

To find more Christmas Carols on the Gold Coast see: <https://christmasinaustralia.com.au/christmas-carols-gold-coast/>

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

12 DAYS OF FUN (AND CHEAP) CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

1. HOLIDAY LIGHT TOUR

Pile the kids in the car, put on some Christmas songs, and drive around to homes or neighborhoods known for their over-the-top Christmas light displays. While spending quality time in the car with your loved ones make a decoration scavenger hunt, tell the Christmas story, or sing Christmas carols along with the music. Get festive (and stay warm!) with these light-up gloves perfect for a tour around the neighborhood.



2. WREATH MAKING

Everybody loves a festive wreath, and this is a great DIY Christmas decoration activity. Take the kids outside for a quick winter walk to gather evergreen branches and pine cones, trim some from the bottom of your Christmas tree or just buy some at the store. Attach your greens to a foam or wire ring (a bent metal coat hanger works well) and allow the kids to decorate it with Christmas ornaments and bows. Or make this preschooler-friendly paper wreath featuring tracings of your child's cute little hands.



3. CHRISTMAS MOVIES

Spending an afternoon or evening watching Christmas movies is a must! (You could also spread out your movie marathon over the course of a week.) Let each family member choose a favorite holiday flick to watch with the family. Cuddle up under blankets with a warm cup of cocoa and some popcorn to make it feel extra special.

4. POPCORN GARLAND

Have some leftover popcorn from your movie night? Upcycle it! Make some homemade garlands for your family's Christmas tree, doorways, or mantle. All you need is a needle and some thread or fishing line. Try using fresh cranberries, too. Younger kids can count out the berries or popcorn to make a cool alternating pattern, and parents or older kids can do the threading.

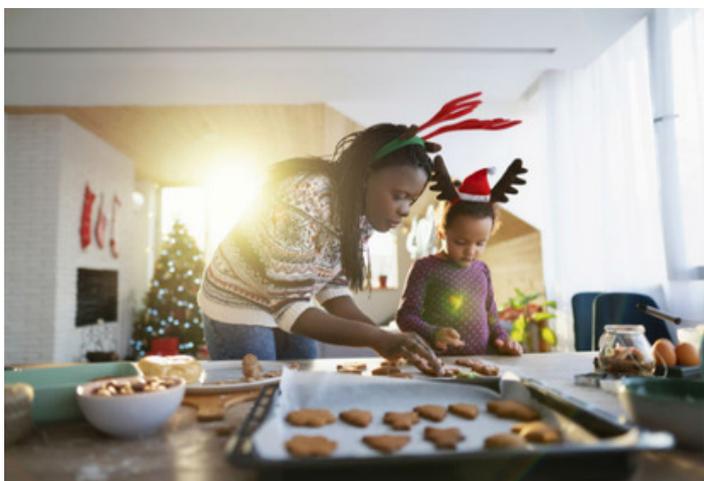


CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES CONTINUED...

5. CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Peanut-butter blossoms! Spritz cookies! Gingerbread men! There are just too many tasty holiday cookies to choose from. Younger kids can add pre-measured ingredients, stir the bowl and decorate cooled cookies. Older kids can pitch in at any stage.

Get the kids excited with fun shapes including classics like Santa, Snowmen, Stockings, Christmas Trees and more.



6. COOKIE SWAP

After spending days in the kitchen baking up your favorites, why not organize a fun family-friendly evening with your friends? Everybody brings some of their favorites to swap, and if it's not a family secret include your recipe so they can be recreated for years to come. Not only will you get to share your favorites but you might find a new favorite while swapping with friends.



7. GINGERBREAD HOUSE PARTY

Not a house party with gingerbread, this is a gingerbread house making party. Gather family or friends, some gingerbread walls and roofs and all the candy and frosting you can get your hands on. Set everyone up with their own house, or work in teams to see who can make the most colorful gingerbread house. The challenge is also in keeping your house intact without it falling apart! Follow these instructions for an easy gingerbread house.



8. HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Decorating a Christmas tree is probably already on your to-do list. Make this holiday tradition even more special by adding a new kid-made Christmas ornament each year. Mark the year on your ornaments so that you can keep track of when each cutie was created! We love a hands-on DIY Christmas activity, and this one can easily become a family tradition that documents your child's growth and creativity each year.



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES CONTINUED...

9. HOT CHOCOLATE BUFFET

There's nothing like a steaming mug of hot chocolate on a cold December night. Up your game for the holiday season with a buffet of toppings for your cocoa. Some ideas include whipped cream, marshmallows, crushed candy canes, shaved chocolate, chocolate chips and cinnamon dots. Get creative! The kids will love customizing their hot cocoa as a fun and easy activity for Christmas Eve.



10. CHRISTMAS FESTIVALS

And speaking of coming together as a community, why not check out the local festivals? From tree lighting ceremonies in the town square, ugly sweater parties or church concerts, there's bound to be something happening in your area. There will likely be free fun Christmas activities popping up all over the place as organizations recognize that children and families need some holiday cheer.



11. DONATING TO CHARITY

Show your family's giving spirit this holiday season by shopping for a toy or two to give to Toys for Tots or another local toy drive. Since your kids are the toy experts, let them do the picking. It will brighten your Christmas and someone else's, too, and can easily become a new family tradition for this time of year. Since the kids are also surely expecting new loot this year, go through their toy box together and find the (gently used) toys they're willing to part with for charity. It's a good lesson in abundance and selflessness.

12. ADVENT CALENDAR

An Advent Calendar will last you 24 days instead of just 12, but it's a fun and visual countdown for kids who are anxious to engage in the Christmas spirit. Kids can have a mini Christmas party each day when they open a window and get a little closer to Christmas morning. Amazon has no shortage of choices from simple number Advent calendars, a small toy each day, or a fan favorite piece of candy each day.

